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Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel claims 140-145, and 1691-1718 without prejudice.

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and/or listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-120. (cancelled)

121. (previously presented): A method for treating a hydrocarbon containing formation, comprising:

providing heat from one or more heaters to at least a portion of the formation, wherein at least one of the heaters is in an uncased portion of a wellbore in the formation, wherein the uncased portion of the wellbore has been sized, at least in part, so that a minimum space between the heater and the formation is maintained after expansion of the formation in the wellbore caused by heating of the formation, and wherein the expansion of the formation in the wellbore is estimated based on the richness of one or more zones in the formation; and

allowing the heat to transfer from the one or more heaters to a part of the formation; and
producing a mixture from the formation.

122. (cancelled)

123. (previously presented): The method of claim 121, wherein the minimum space is at least about 0.5 cm.

124. (previously presented): The method of claim 121, wherein the minimum space is at least about 0.3 cm.